

5th February 1925]

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—"I shall take note of the feelings expressed by particular Members of this hon. House."

Mr. M. RATNASWAMI :—"Will you kindly convey our views to the members of the particular Committee?"

Civil Justice.

Arrears in the High Court.

* 164 Q.—Mr. S. SATYAMURTI : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state the reasons why he has not yet issued any communiqué regarding the state of arrears in the High Court necessitating the increase in its strength and whether the Government propose to issue any such communiqué and if so, when?

A.—The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to clauses (a) and (b) of question No. 1354 asked at the meeting of the Legislative Council held in December 1924.

Criminal Justice.

Disposal of cases by the Additional Sessions Judge for the Agency Tracts.

* 165 Q.—Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR : Will the hon. the Law Member 11-30 a.m. be pleased to state—

(a) the number of cases disposed of by the Additional Sessions Judge for the Agency Tracts in 1923-24 and from April 1924 to January 1925 ;

(b) the place where he holds the sessions ;

(c) whether in addition to the sessions work any other work is done by him and if so, the nature thereof ;

(d) whether it is intended to make provision in the budget for 1925-26 for the continuance of this office ;

(e) whether the work now done by the Agency Additional Sessions Judge cannot be divided between the Sessions Judge and Assistant Sessions Judge of Vizagapatam having regard to their file ;

(f) whether for a few months in 1924, the Agency Additional Sessions Judge, Mr. L. H. Arndt, I.C.S., was in addition to his duties in charge of the Vizagapatam Sessions division when the Judge of that division was on leave ;

(g) the number of Sessions cases disposed of in 1923-24 and from April 1924 to December 1924 by the Sessions Judge and Assistant Sessions Judge of Vizagapatam, respectively ; and

(h) whether there is a proposal to abolish the post of the Agency Additional Sessions Judge?

A.—(a) Statistics for these particular periods have not been collected.

(b) The Additional Sessions Judge is a touring officer and may hold his court in or near any of the Agency Sessions divisions as the convenience of the parties, witnesses and police require.

(c) He does not attend to any other work.

(d) Provision has been made for five months in 1925-26.

(e) No. It cannot be done without detriment to their other duties.

(f) Yes.

(g) There is no information.

(h) No.

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Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—“ With reference to the answer to clause (a) may I request the hon. the Law Member to collect and supply the information ? ”

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ The number of sessions cases disposed of from 9th December 1922 to 31st July 1923 is 34 and the number of civil cases disposed of between 1st February 1923 to 30th November 1924 is 415.”

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—“ Sir, there seems to be some mistake. Clause (a) refers to the work turned out by the Additional Sessions Judge of the Agency tracts. Clause (c) asks whether in addition to the sessions work any other work is done by him (Additional Sessions Judge for the Agency Tracts), and, if so, the nature thereof. The answer is ‘ he does not attend to any other work ’. The hon. the Law Member I understood to say that the number of civil cases disposed of by him was 415, etc. May I request the hon. the Law Member to explain the position ? ”

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ That is the Additional Sessions Judge.”

Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—“ Arising out of the answer to clause (d), may I request the hon. the Law Member to tell us whether he intends to do away with this office after the period of five months as indicated therein ? ”

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ We have not yet decided what to do.”

Rao Bahadur C. V. S. NARASIMHA RAJU :—“ May I know why they have provided only for five months ? ”

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ We want to see how far the necessity therefor was established.”

Rao Bahadur C. V. S. NARASIMHA RAJU :—“ Is the Government going to examine the question whether it is necessary to have it or not after five months ? ”

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ Yes, Sir.”

Rao Bahadur C. V. S. NARASIMHA RAJU :—“ May I know with reference to clause (f) why Mr. Arndt was placed in charge of the Vizagapatam sessions for a period of two or three months instead of appointing a separate officer for that court ? ”

The hon. Mr. C. P. RAMASWAMI AYYAR :—“ Notice, Sir.”

Executive Council.

Reduction in the number of Members of the Executive Council.

* 166 Q.—Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo : Will the hon. the Member for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received orders from the Secretary of State on the recommendations of the Legislative Council to reduce the number of Executive Councillors ; and

(b) if so, whether they will place the papers or the order on the table ?

A.—The answer is in the negative.